

HOUSE BILL 4052  
By Winningham

AN ACT to amend Chapter 657 of the Private Acts of 1951; as amended by Chapter 51 of the Private Acts of 1955; Chapter 353 of the Private Acts of 1959; Chapter 282 of the Private Acts of 1963; Chapter 255 of the Private Acts of 1976 and Chapter 383 of the Private Acts of 1982; and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to the general sessions court of Scott County.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Chapter 657 of the Private Acts of 1951, as amended by Chapter 51 of the Private Acts of 1955, Chapter 353 of the Private Acts of 1959, Chapter 282 of the Private Acts of 1963, Chapter 255 of the Private Acts of 1976 and Chapter 383 of the Private Acts of 1982, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is further amended by adding the following new language to the end of SECTION 2:

The general sessions court for Scott County, Tennessee, shall have concurrent jurisdiction, power and authority with the circuit and chancery courts to hear and determine all cases of domestic relations, including but not limited to, cases and proceedings of divorce, annulment, child custody, spousal and child support, and all other proceedings incident thereto with the full power and authority conferred upon the circuit and chancery courts to enforce its orders, decrees and judgments.

The general sessions court for Scott County, Tennessee, shall have concurrent jurisdiction, power and authority with the circuit and chancery courts to hear and determine cases involving workers' compensation and shall have the full power and authority conferred upon the circuit and chancery courts to enforce its orders, decrees and judgments.

The general sessions court for Scott County, Tennessee, shall have concurrent jurisdiction, power and authority with the circuit and chancery courts to hear and determine all cases and proceedings involving the emergency custody and hospitalization of persons believed to be mentally ill, and shall have the power and authority conferred upon the circuit and chancery courts to enforce its orders, decrees and judgments.

All cases brought in the general sessions court for Scott County under this act shall be in accordance with the form for pleadings and practice and the local rules, where applicable, in the circuit and chancery courts of Scott County and said cases shall be tried as like cases are tried in the circuit and chancery courts. The clerk of the general sessions court, and the procedure in each case shall be in accordance with the practice and rules of the circuit and chancery courts.

SECTION 2. Chapter 657 of the Private Acts of 1951, as amended by Chapter 51 of the Private Acts of 1955, Chapter 353 of the Private Acts of 1959, Chapter 282 of the Private Acts of 1963, Chapter 255 of the Private Acts of 1976 and Chapter 383 of the Private Acts of 1982, and any other acts amendatory thereto is further amended by adding the following language to the end of SECTION 10:

Effective September 1, 2006, the compensation of the judge of the General Sessions Court of Scott County shall be ninety-five thousand dollars (\$95,000) per annum. Such salary shall not be increased or decreased during the judge's term of office except for annual cost of living adjustments as is provided by law for other such judges.

SECTION 3. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of Scott County. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 4. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective on September 1, 2006.